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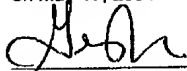
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PATENT

CASE #F7340(V)
UNUS #96-0387-UNI

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ritter et al.
Serial No.: 09/180,374
Filed: April 12, 1999
For: Liquid Fatty Component Containing Composition

Group: 1761
Examiner: C. Paden
Edgewater, New Jersey 07020

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please consider this preliminary amendment in the RCE which accompanies this document.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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